

REMARKS

The presentation of a clean set of claims is permitted under new rule 37 C.F.R. §1.121 (c)(3), effective November 7, 2000. An amended form of claims 1 through 12 is attached for the Examiner's convenience pursuant to new rule 37 C.F.R. §1.21(c)(1)(ii). No new matter has been introduced by these amendments.

The examiner is respectfully requested to consider the above preliminary amendment prior to examination of the application.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this preliminary amendment, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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